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SUBJECT: USS CONSTELLATION ATSUGI SHOREBASED OPERATIONS

FOLLOWING FROM COMNAVFORJAPAN SENT ACTION COMUSJAPAN INFO
AMEMBASSY TOKYO, CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI, COMSEVENTHFLT,
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L//N03000//
USS CONSTELLATION ATSUGI SHOREBASED OPERATIONS (U)
A. COMUSJAPAN YOKOTA AB JA 071130Z OCT 77
B. AMEMBASSY TOKYO 070943Z OCT 77
C. COMNAVFORJAPAN YOKOSUKA JA 070254Z OCT 77
1. (C) REF A REFERRED TO PERSONAL CALL FROM JDA VICE MIN-
ISTER MARUYAMA TO COMUSJAPAN, IN WHICH MR. MARUYAMA REQUESTED
THAT CONSTELLATION'S AIR WING NOT BASE OUT OF ATSUGI BECAUSE
SENSITIVE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED U.S. NAVY HONOR THE REQUEST
UNLESS IMPACT ON OPS WAS UNACCEPTABLE. REF B EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR THE PRECAUTIONS ALREADY TAKEN TO MINIMIZE CONSTELLATIONS
AIRWING FLT OPERATIONS AT ATSUGI AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FLT
OPERATIONS COULD BE HELD TO URGENT FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR AT
LEAST THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE INPORT PERIOD.
2. (C) REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DICTATE THAT A
MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN AIRCRAFT FROM CONSTELLATION SHOREBASE AT
ATSUGI DURING THE 10-25 OCT PERIOD. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE
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UNDERGOING PLANNED AND REQUIRED MAINTAINANCE, WHICH, IF NOT
COMPLETED, WOULD EFFECT THE AIRWING READINESS POSTURE. ATSUGI
AIMD, AND NIPPI REPAIR FACILITY WILL BE USED TO ASSIST IN
THIS MAINTENANCE EFFORT.
3. (C) AS STATED IN REF C, FLIGHT OPERATIONS WILL BE AT A
MINIMUM CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS.
THE JDA AND MOFA SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT SHOREBASED OPERATIONS

DURING CONSTELLATION'S VISIT WILL IN FACT REPRESENT A
SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN TOTAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS OVER THAT
NORMALLY CONDUCTED DURING MIDWAYS INPORT TRAINING PERIODS.

4. (C) THE PRUDENT MEASURES TAKEN TO REDUCE FLT OPERATIONS AT
ATSUGI ARE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE, HOWEVER FURTHER REDUCTIONS OR
CESSATION OF ATSUGI OPERATIONS DURING CONSTELLATIONS VISIT ARE
NOT CONSIDERED OPERATIONALLY SOUND NOR IN THE BEST U.S. INTERESTS.

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